

MORE CROOKEDNESS.

Postmaster Thompson, of the Havana Post Office, Suspended.

As Many as Six Others Have Been Placed Under the Closest Surveillance, and Will Be Arrested Later.

Havana, May 14.—Carydon Rich was the man who confessed to a knowledge of many of the transactions which, in the opinion of lawyers, tend to implicate others besides Neely in the post office defalcation. Rich was Neely's partner in a number of business enterprises in Cuba, and also holds power of attorney for him. It was through Rich that \$5,000 of new-issue stamps were recovered, and he has not been arrested on account of the valuable assistance he is now giving in unraveling the plot. Further, he has agreed to give evidence when Neely is arraigned.

The amount of the defalcation, so far as discovered at present, is \$36,000 during the year 1900 and \$60,000 during the year 1899. Of this amount, \$5,000 has been recovered, \$2,000 deposited in a bank here in Neely's name has been attached, and \$6,500 he had in his possession when arrested. A brickyard and a cacao grove, the value of which is undecided, the property of Neely, have been attached.

Havana, May 13.—Postage stamps to the value of \$5,000 have been recovered by secret service agents as the results of information furnished by the man who has confessed to guilty knowledge of the postal frauds. It is estimated that the shortage will not be more than \$100,000.

Washington, May 12.—Senator Bacon introduced a resolution in the senate on Friday calling for a thorough investigation and report to the senate of all moneys received and expended in the island of Cuba by the United States military and civil authorities until April 30, 1900.

Col. George H. Burton, of the inspector general's department, has arrived from Havana, and had a conference with war department officials Friday afternoon. Col. Burton is the officer of the inspector general's department who detected the postal frauds in the Cuban service in connection with Charles F. W. Neely, now under arrest.

Havana, May 15.—The extent of the postal frauds is far greater than what was originally expected. Besides taking in the postal department, the frauds seem to include the local officers at Havana and various other officers throughout the island, and also to have extended to outside points which have been used for the sale of some of the old issue of stamps that were ordered destroyed.

The result of the investigation at the local post office is the suspension of Postmaster Thompson, who was installed in April of last year. He will remain at his own house for the present. Moya and Mascaro, stamp sellers in the main office, have also been arrested, and further arrests are expected soon. As many as six others have been placed under the closest surveillance, and they will be arrested as soon as their services can be spared. As a matter of fact, if they were all to be subsequently relieved of duty, it would not be possible to carry on the postal department of Havana.

Messrs. Reeves and Reynolds, the auditors of the postal department, are still under arrest at their own rooms, in charge of detectives. Special quarters will, however, be prepared in some fortress, where all the prisoners connected with the frauds will be taken as soon as arrested.

Mr. Sheridan will temporarily fill Mr. Thompson's place. It appears that frauds ramified in almost every possible direction, even the rented boxes having been made a source of illegitimate gain.

Washington, May 15.—The postmaster general, after a protracted interview with the president, announced that Joseph L. Bristow, fourth assistant postmaster general, will proceed to Havana next Wednesday to take charge of the postal affairs of the island of Cuba. The postmaster general declined to say whether Director General of Posts Rathbone would be suspended. It is said, however, that the fact that Gen. Bristow will assume these duties does not necessarily indicate that Mr. Rathbone will be relieved of all connection with the service.

John Brown Anniversary. Chicago, May 15.—The first centennial anniversary of the birth of John Brown was celebrated at Bethel church Monday night. The address was delivered by J. W. K. Bawn, of the Gamma Theological seminary, Atlanta, Ga. Other speakers were: Ex-Judge James P. Bradwell, ex-Judge Harvey H. Hurst, of Evanston, who was at the head of the society that shipped food and other supplies to the anti-slavery party in Kansas, and Mrs. John Jones, who secreted Brown in her house when there was a price set on his head.

American Pavilion Turned Over. Paris, May 13.—The United States pavilion on the Rue des Nations was formally handed over to the exposition authorities Saturday afternoon. The ceremony was favored by beautiful weather and attracted a very large assemblage.

Renominated for Congress. Kansas City, Mo., May 13.—At Independence Saturday, Hon. Wm. S. Cowherd, of Kansas City, was renominated for congress by acclamation by the democratic convention of the Fifth district.

TAYLOR IN INDIANAPOLIS.

He May Not Go Back to Kentucky Should the Supreme Court Decide the Contest Against Him.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 15.—W. S. Taylor, republican governor of Kentucky, arrived in this city on an early morning train Monday morning on his way from Washington to Louisville.

"Will you go back to Kentucky if the decision of the United States supreme court is against you?" he was asked.

"I hardly think it would be the proper thing for me to do," Gov. Taylor replied. "Yet now I can not tell what I shall do. My mind is not yet fully made up on the question."

Gov. Taylor said he believed that Youtsey and others now accused would finally be set at liberty.

THE DECISION DELAYED.

No Action on Kentucky Election Cases—The Supreme Court Ruling Expected Next Monday.

Washington, May 15.—It is stated that the supreme court would not hand down a decision Monday in the Kentucky election case. The decision is now expected next Monday.

The supreme court Monday adjourned for a week without announcing a decision on the Kentucky governorship case.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION.

The Bill Pending Before the Senate Finally Passed—Provisions Made for Armor Plate.

Washington, May 15.—After a discussion lasting five full days the senate passed the naval appropriation bill. Practically four days were devoted to the consideration of the armor plate proposition, which was agreed to finally as reported by the committee, with the exception that the secretary of the navy is authorized to make contracts only for such armor as may be needed from time to time.

The secretary of the navy is authorized to procure armor of the best quality at \$445 per ton, but if unable to obtain it at that price, he is authorized to pay \$445 per ton for the armor for the battle ships Maine, Ohio and Missouri, and proceed to erect an armor factory to cost not to exceed \$4,000,000, one-half of which amount is made immediately available.

The secretary of the navy is directed to purchase five Holland torpedo boats at a price not exceeding \$170,000 each.

CAN'T BE MADE FAST ENOUGH.

A Lack of Sufficient Engravers Ties Up Fifteen Million Dollars in National Currency.

Washington, May 15.—Over 1,000 banks will have to be supplied with new currency plates as an effect of the currency act of March 14, and it will be four to six months before all can get their new money engraved.

There is now about \$15,000,000 due the banks in currency tied up because it can not be engraved until new plates are made. The regular force of engravers at the bureau of printing and engraving and all the additional engravers that Assistant Secretary Vanderlip has been able to hire are working overtime right along. The best that the bureau can do is to furnish fifty plates weekly.

There will be no relief, as the engraving division is being crowded to its utmost capacity. Engravers can not work more than twelve hours a day on account of the light. The department can not get engravers to leave good jobs to come here for work that will take only a comparatively short time.

Victims of Lightning Bolt.

Weston, W. Va., May 14.—Miss Rebecca, a member of the Hacker family, of near Good Hope, who were struck by lightning Tuesday, died on Sunday night in great agony. Mrs. Hacker is growing worse, and there is now little hope of her recovery. Two of the other daughters are suffering much pain, and the doctors are anxious about their conditions. Miss Rebecca was horribly burned, the flesh being cooked from her shoulders down. An infant member of the family is horribly burned, and it is now in a spasmodic condition.

An Old Ball Pitcher Passes Away.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 15.—"Pilly" Taylor, at one time the most famous pitcher in baseball circles in this country, died here of a complication of diseases. At one time he pitched for the famous Athletics and also for Philadelphia and other leading clubs. He was coach for the first American team that visited Europe and Cuba.

"Free Homes" Bill Passed.

Washington, May 15.—The senate passed the "free homes" bill without a word of debate. A bill providing for the appointment of a collector of customs for the customs district of Hawaii, at a salary of \$4,000 a year, and for such deputies as may be necessary, was passed.

Dreyfus in Paris.

Paris, May 15.—Capt. Alfred Dreyfus has arrived with his wife in Paris. The government is much worried by this journey, which was quite unlooked-for, and will take measures to have him leave as soon as possible, owing to its fear of demonstrations.

Renominated for Congress.

Chicago, May 15.—James R. Mann was renominated Monday to represent the First republican congressional district and David W. Mills was nominated to represent the Fourth district.

IN NORTHERN NATAL.

Gen. Buller's Force Meets With Success Near Biggarsberg.

A Proclamation Will Be Published This Week Annexing the Free State—News From Mafeking Expected.

London, May 15.—A dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, timed 12:05 p. m., Monday, brings the first intimation of a success attained by Gen. Buller in northern Natal. The sender of this dispatch evidently assumes that news of the affair has been received direct from the scene of hostilities, for he merely says: "Gen. Buller's official telegram notifying his success at the Biggarsberg, received here an hour ago, has given keen satisfaction. It is confidently anticipated that Dundee will be occupied by the British Monday. The residents of the north country are delighted, as forcing the Biggarsberg means that they will be speedily enabled to return to their homes."

At the same time a dispatch from Cape Town, dated Monday, says a proclamation will be published this week annexing the Free State. It is also said that Gen. Buller (the commander-in-chief of the Boer forces) threatens to resign if any preparations are made for the wanton destruction of property.

London, May 15.—Gen. Buller's turning of the Biggarsberg position was effected by a bold movement. The Boers had evacuated Helpmakaar, but were making a stand Monday evening at Bleskopplage, seven miles from Dundee. The corps on the spot regarded this as a rear guard action intended to cover the retreat of the army. At the same time Gen. Buller took Indaba, and it is reported that the Boers withdrew in disorder. Gen. Buller, who seems to be employing his full strength, is expected to push on. His first marches were 40 miles in three days. He is thus breaking into British territory which had been administered for six months by the Transvaalers as though it were part of the republic, they holding courts and levying taxes. His success, therefore, has political as well as military consequences.

While Lord Roberts' infantry are concentrating at Kroonstad, where they will rest for a day or two, his horsemen have penetrated 18 miles northward. In the squadron which cut the railway 15 miles beyond Kroonstad was the American scout, Frederick Burnham. Two hundred Boers who had hidden in the river jungles near Kroonstad to escape service have surrendered to the British and taken the oath of allegiance. According to a dispatch from Pietermaritzburg to the Daily Mail, dated Thursday, May 10, Gen. Buller and Macdonald, members of the State Volksraad, demanded that the chairman should call a meeting of the Volksraad for the purpose of discussing the peace, and proposed to make President Steyn a prisoner.

Nothing definite has been heard about the expected relief of Mafeking. The Cape Town correspondents continue to wire that relief is imminent. Inquirers at the war office are told that the news of the relief will be made public immediately on its receipt.

The latest supposition concerning Gen. Hunter is that possibly he is marching up the north bank of the Vaal with a force sufficient, in co-operation with Lord Roberts, to render Boer defense of the Vaal frontier impracticable.

East of Bloemfontein Gen. Rundle is advancing toward Ladybrand. His troops and those of Gen. Brabant are stretched over a distance of 30 miles. The Boers are described as quite disorganized and as retreating northward. President Steyn's lieutenants are trying to rally them.

The same stories of disintegration come from nearly every point where the English correspondents are. Mr. Hollowell, formerly a correspondent at Mafeking, who will put over the Transvaal border, telegraphing from Lorenzo Marques, says: "Judging from talks I have had with the Boers, the end of the war will come in a month or six weeks. Mr. Steinkamp, chairman of the second raad, who traveled with me, said that if the burghers were pressed from Pretoria they would retire to the district of the Lydenburg mountains, which had already been provisioned. He remarked that he hoped the burghers would stand firm, but he feared they were too broken in spirit."

Standard Oil Employees Strike.

Houghton, Mich., May 15.—Five hundred miners, trammers and timbermen at the Arcadian mine, controlled by the Standard Oil people, went on a strike for a 15 per cent. advance. The striking trammers at Quincy were joined by 500 machinists, carpenters and other surface men, who demand a 10 per cent. increase in wages. About 3,500 men, or approximately one-quarter of the total mining force of the district, are now idle.

Ashantis Striving for Independence.

Accra, Gold Coast, May 12.—Serious reports are current that the Ashantis are determined to throw off the British yoke, that they have secured the co-operation of eight other tribes and that they are now able to raise 60,000 warriors.

Famine Reports Confirmed.

London, May 12.—In the house of commons the secretary of state for India, Lord George Hamilton, confirmed the reports heretofore received of the excessive famine in India and the mortality therefrom.

JEFFRIES STILL CHAMPION.

Jim Corbett Knocked Out in the Twenty-Third Round at the Seaside Athletic Club.

Long Island, N. Y., May 11.—Jim Jeffries is still the heavyweight champion pugilist of the world. He defeated Jim Corbett in the 23d round of their fight at the Seaside Athletic club with a decisive knockout. The finishing blow came as a sudden and startling surprise. Corbett had been making a wonderful battle. His defense was absolutely perfect, and while he was lacking in strength, he had more than held his own and stood an excellent chance of winning the fight had it gone the limit. He had not been badly punished and had managed to mark his man severely.

The winning punch was a short left jab to the jaw. Corbett dropped like a weight and was clear out. Jeffries showed ability to take a punching at any distance and punched hard. He was clearly outboxed, and at times made to look like a novice. The crowd, which numbered fully 8,000, was with Corbett, and his defeat fell upon a silent crowd. There were cheers given him when he revived and left the ring, and was generally shown more consideration than the victor.

Corbett is still a factor in the pugilistic game. He has regained much of his old-time form. The battle was clean, and it is doubtful if there was a single infraction of the rules. The crowd was most orderly.

DECLARES FOR EXPANSION.

The President of the Cotton Spinners Says We Need More Markets—The "Open Door" in China.

Charleston, S. C., May 12.—The meeting of the southern cotton spinners, which is being held here, is one of the most important meetings of textile manufacturers ever held in the south. At the first meeting J. H. McAden was re-elected president and George R. Heiss secretary and treasurer.

Special cars brought into town men from the north. The most important feature was President McAden's address, in which he declared for expansion. He said we must hold the Philippines as an outlet for our greatly increased production. There should also, he said, be a vigorous policy in favor of the "open door" in China.

WITHOUT ALCOHOL.

Patients Will Be Treated in a New Hospital in Boston With Non-Alcoholic Medicines.

Boston, May 12.—Boston is to have a free non-alcoholic hospital in the near future. Mrs. H. S. Morley talked before the Massachusetts Total Abstinence Society on the need of a temperance hospital in Boston, where patients are treated without alcoholic medicines. Letters were read from Senator Lodge and congressman Gillett and Roberts. It is proposed that the plan of treating patients without alcohol be tried first at the Deaconess' Methodist Hospital and at the Baptist Hospital in Brooklyn. It was thought that work could be started in the denominational institutions, and later the temperance hospital will become possible.

Unwelcome Japanese.

Victoria, B. C., May 12.—There are over 400 more of the unwelcome Japanese immigrants waiting at the quarantine station, whether they have been landed from the steamer Skih. These 400 are nearly all for the United States, but only 200 will be carried through direct. A large number of the Japanese are weavers coming under a contract made with them by a Japanese firm in New York. Are they engaged to work in some New England mills?

Outcome of a Long-Standing Quarrel.

Pine Bluff, Ark., May 12.—J. S. Estes shot and probably fatally wounded Dr. J. O. Cook on East Baroque street. Samuel Elies, a bystander received a wound in the leg from Estes' revolver. Estes fired six shots, three of them taking effect in Cook's body. The shooting is the result of a quarrel of long standing. Estes is a brother of Z. N. Estes, a prominent Memphis man. He was arrested and refused bail.

Ship Abandoned at Sea.

London, May 12.—The Norwegian ship Superb, Capt. Hamer, from Rio Janeiro, February 17, for Middlesborough, England, was abandoned, dismantled, on April 27, in latitude 33 north, longitude 32 west. Her crew were rescued by the British bark Seafarer, Capt. Farmer, from San Francisco, January 12, for Hull, and transferred by her to the tug Oceana, which has landed them at Portland.

To Be Guests of Honor.

Washington, May 12.—Survivors of the first republican national convention are to be guests of honor in Philadelphia next month. Invitations will be sent to them next Monday. Only 15 survive, of all those who assembled in Pittsburgh, Pa., on June 18, 1856, to enunciate new principles and to bring into existence a new party.

Bank President Suicide.

Edinburgh, Scotland, May 12.—H. H. Norrie, manager of the Union bank of Scotland, was found dead Friday morning at his residence. His head was half blown away by a gun. Apparently he committed suicide. His action is attributed to the fact that he had been suffering from influenza.

Twelve Buildings Burned.

Tecumseh, Okla., May 12.—Fire Friday destroyed twelve buildings, including five stores, offices and residences. The loss amounts to \$20,000, with \$4,600 insurance.

STATE NEWS PICK-UPS.

JIM HOWARD IN JAIL.

He Says That He Can Prove That He Had No Connection With the Assassination.

Frankfort, Ky., May 11.—Jim Howard, the feudist, who was named by Culton and other witnesses as the man who probably fired the shot which killed William Goebel, surrendered at the jail here Wednesday night. He arrived here at 6:20 in custody of Sheriff Bev White, of Clay county, and John G. White, of Winchester.

Sheriff White says that Howard told him when his name was first mentioned in connection with the assassination that he was innocent and would surrender whenever he was wanted. Mr. White said: "I received the warrant for Howard's arrest several days ago, but at the time I was busy. I knew Jim would not run off. As soon as I got time I served the warrant of arrest on him. This was on the 7th inst. He came without a word." Howard said: "I never was inside the state house square in my life until the afternoon following the assassination of Goebel. I am innocent and can prove by testimony which will not be doubted that I was not at the state house when Mr. Goebel was killed."

The reward commission in charge of the board for apprehension of the assassin held a meeting, but did nothing more than to approve a few accounts. A member of the commission stated that all of the expenses of that body up to date does not aggregate \$2,500.

Frankfort, Ky., May 11.—Sheriff White, who arrested Feudist Jim Howard, who is charged with having shot William Goebel, declined to accept the \$500 reward offered by the Goebel brothers for the arrest of Howard.

Middlesboro, Ky., May 11.—Berry Howard will surrender to Sheriff Broughton in a few days and go to Frankfort. He says he had no connection whatever with the alleged Goebel conspiracy.

Was a Winner Again.

Louisville, Ky., May 12.—Just a week ago Lieutenant Gibson galloped home an easy winner of the Kentucky Derby, and his share of the stake was \$5,000. He made Owner C. H. Smith, of Chicago, \$3,500 richer by winning for him the Clark stakes at one and one-eighth miles. He had to carry 127 pounds—a lot of weight for a 3-year-old this early in the season—but he did it and did it like a race horse. His performance was all the more creditable in that he equaled the track record for the distance—1:54 flat—which has been held by Pearl Jennings, 4 years old, with 76 pounds up, since 1883.

Released on Beckham's Pardon.

Frankfort, Ky., May 14.—John Dugan, serving 21 years, charged with the murder of County Judge John C. Colson at Middlesboro four years ago, was released from the penitentiary on a pardon signed by Beckham. Dugan always professed innocence. He maintained that the shooting was done by another party, and that he and Colson were fast friends. Colson was a brother of ex-Congressman David Colson, and at the time of his death was county judge of Bell county. Dugan left for Nashville, where he will reside.

Gold in Casey County.

Danville, Ky., May 13.—Considerable excitement has been caused in the vicinity of Rush Branch, Casey county, by the discovery of what is believed to be a gold mine of considerable value on the land of James Adams. The government expert at Charlottesville, N. C., has assayed the ore and returned a most promising assay report.

Collier and Ballard.

Nicholasville, Ky., May 11.—The republicans of the Eighth congressional district held an enthusiastic convention here and elected Gen. Dan Collier and Thomas Ballard delegates to the national republican convention, and J. C. Wood district elector. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the state and national administrations.

Philpot Runs Amok.

Richmond, Ky., May 13.—Samuel Philpot, the Clay county feudist, in jail here for safe keeping, badly used up John Bradley, of Lexington, a fellow prisoner. Bradley made some uncomplimentary remark about Clay county. Philpot beat him with the leg of a table.

Monument to Gen. Clark.

Paducah, Ky., May 13.—The Daughters of the American Revolution have a scheme on foot to erect a monument at some public place in the city in memory of Gen. George Rogers Clark, a revolutionary hero, who once owned all the ground upon which the city of Paducah now stands.

Barn Struck By Lightning.

Cynthiana, Ky., May 11.—John Keller's barn, containing his crop of tobacco, was struck by lightning and totally destroyed by fire. Many houses, barns and fences were damaged, and there is considerable injury to crops due to the storms.

Changed the Place.

Paris, Ky., May 12.—On account of the smallpox scare in this city, the 8th annual council of the Lexington diocese of the Episcopal church has been changed to Lexington. The date, May 30, remains unchanged.

RELEASED, BUT WANTED.

The Suspicious Character Leaves Lexington Just in Time to Prevent Being Arrested Again.

Lexington, Ky., May 13.—J. F. Wilbert, of San Francisco, arrested while attempting to pawn \$9,000 worth of diamonds on suspicion of being wanted in some large cities, was released by the authorities. They wired his description to large cities, but receiving no reply Wilbert was released. He immediately left the city.

After Wilbert had left Lexington Chief of Detectives L. P. Collieran, of Chicago, wired for a description of the man and goods, having seen a telegram in morning papers. The descriptions asked for were wired by Chief of Police Ross. Collieran wired back at once to hold Wilbert until a Chicago officer could come to Lexington. Ross wired back that Wilbert had been released, where upon Collieran asked by wire that he be rearrested. Chicago has had a recent diamond robbery, and Collieran's telegrams are taken by local officers to indicate that the Chicago officers believe from the description that Wilbert is the guilty party. Wilbert had gone when the telegram reached here.

FEMALE PRISONER SHOT.

She, With Others, Was Trying to Escape From the Workhouse at Owensboro, Ky.

Owensboro, Ky., May 14.—Cora Yewell, colored female prisoner, was shot and mortally wounded by Workhouse Keeper Julius Mount. Mount was taking the female prisoners their dinner when they made a rush to escape. The Yewell woman struck Mount over the head with a stove leg and then knocked him down with a quart bottle filled with oil of sassafras. The oil got in Mount's eyes and almost blinded him, causing him the most intense pain.

Before he could get up another rush was made on him, and he fled. The ball struck Cora Yewell in the forehead, fatally injuring her. Mount's injuries are severe, but not dangerous.

Commercial Club Formed.

Somerset, Ky., May 14.—The business men met and organized a commercial club. Geo. W. Wait, president of the Somerset Banking Co., was selected as chairman of the meeting and F. J. Campbell as secretary. Wednesday a permanent organization will be effected. Several large concerns are in correspondence with the citizens with a view of locating here. Canton (O.) capitalists have looked over the ground and will build a street car line here as soon as they can get a franchise from the city. The Cincinnati Southern road has contracted for a large freight house here.

Three Prisoners Escape.

Lancaster, Ky., May 12.—Three prisoners confined in the county jail succeeded in making their escape with saws. They cut two bars of the cell, which let them into the main hall, thence into the woman's department, out of which they gained their liberty. They are Allen Preston, white, charged with housebreaking; Robert Carrier, white, horse stealing; and Walter Simpson, stealing coal. Jailer Ross is in search of the fugitives.

Military Company Indicted.

Eminee, Ky., May 14.—Garnett Ripley and all the members of his military company, which he raised at the instance of W. S. Taylor the past winter, were indicted by the Henry county grand jury for raising an armed force in violation of the form of the law.

New Telephone Line.

Williamstown, Ky., May 13.—The Williamstown and Owenton Telephone Co. has incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000. The line is being run to Falmouth, Gardnersville, Crittenden, Mt. Zion, Verona, and Warsaw, and will probably be run to Burlington.

First Oil Shipment.

Louisville, Ky., May 14.—The first 100 barrels of oil ever marketed from the Big Sandy field is being shipped from this place. It is a very high quality of lubricating oil and comes from the Kentucky Union Oil Co.'s well at Elaine.

May Try Youtsey First.

Frankfort, Ky., May 11.—It is said here that the attorneys for the prosecution have decided to elect to try the indictment against Youtsey first among the cases taken to Scott county on a change of venue and set for trial there July 5.

Ready for the Silver.

Louisville, Ky., May 13.—Capt. Chester, of the battle ship Kentucky, has written to the board of trade that the battle ship will be ready to receive its silver service from the people of Kentucky on June 6.

The Monument Fund in Grant.

Williamstown, Ky., May 13.—The Goebel monument fund, which is being raised by the women of Grant county, has reached nearly \$300, and it is thought it will exceed that amount before the subscription books close.

School Bonds Sold.

Hopkinsville, Ky., May 13.—The trustees of the Pembroke graded school have floated their new school bonds, amounting to \$7,500. They were taken by the Pembroke Deposit bank.